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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KEN-REN FERTILIZER PLANT

REF: NAIROBI 10298

1. IN A JULY 16 SPEECH GOK AGRICULTURAL MINISTER JEREMIAH NYAGAH PROMISED THAT THE MOMBASA FERTILIZER PLANT WILL BE ESTABLISHED. ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS NYAGAH SAID QUOTE WE HAVE RUN INTO LITTLE DIFFICULTIES ABOUT THE PROJECT BUT WAYS AND MEANS ARE BEING FOUND OUT TO SEE THAT THE FERTILIZER PLANT BECOMES A REALITY UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT GOK HAS APPROACHED THE BELGIAN FIRM COPPE-RUST, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS FOR THE PROJECT, TO ASSESS THEIR INTEREST IN CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT. IT IS BELIEVED THAT
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COPPE-RUST HAS EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST BUT WILL ONLY COME INTO THE PROJECT ON A COST PLUS BASIS WITH ABSOLUTELY NO EQUITY OR OTHER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION. N-REN REPRESENTATIVE HERE BELIEVES SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT COULD POSSIBLY DOUBLE FINAL COST OF PLANT.

3. DEPUTY SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

INFORMED EMBOFF THAT MACKENZIE (KENYA) HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST TO THE GOK IN PARTICIPATION IN REACTIVATED PROJECT. THIS INFORMATION CONFIRMED BY TREASURY OFFICIAL. CHAIRMAN OF MACKENZIE (KENYA) IS NGENGI MUIGAI, PRESIDENT'S NEPHEW AND ONE OF THE LEADING ACTORS IN FERTILIZER IMPORT BUSINESS IN KENYA.

4. COMMENT: LAST SEPTEMBER MUIGAI, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPANY OWNED BY PRESIDENT'S SON PETER KENYATTA, PURCHASED A FERTILIZER BAGGING AND BLENDING PLANT IN NAKURU. MOVEMENT INTO MANUFACTURING PROCESS IS A LOGICAL EXTENSION OF THEIR ALREADY DEVELOPED BUSINESS INTERESTS.

5. WHILE THE GOK HAS APPARENTLY WRITTEN OFF N-REN'S FUTURE PARTICIPATION AND N-REN CONSIDERS ITS PART FINISHED, THERE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE MORE DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THIS PROJECT. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR.

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